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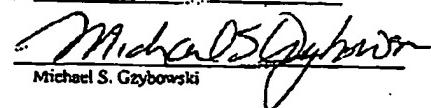
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OFFICIALRESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Upon receive of the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed April 28, 2004 in the above-identified application the undersigned noted that it seemed from the Election/Restriction Requirement that the Preliminary Amendment filed July 16, 2003 was not entered.

The undersigned called the Examiner who confirmed that the Election/Restriction Requirement had not taken the changes to the claims made in the July 16, 2003 Preliminary Amendment into account.

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The Examiner further indicated that a new Office Action would be prepared and mailed in this application.

The undersigned is submitting this response out of concern that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office may have this case docketed for a response from applicants to the Election/Restriction Requirement, because, to date, no further correspondence has been received by the undersigned.

The undersigned accordingly request that the Preliminary Amendment of July 16, 2003 be entered and a new Office Action be prepared and mailed which reflects the changes to the claims set forth in the Preliminary Amendment.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 is hereby made. Please charge the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 12-2136 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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